

REMARKS:

Claims 1-3, 7-10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitchell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,273). Claims 2, 4, 9 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice. New claim 15 has been added, support for new claim 15 can be found in the specification at least on page 17, lines 3-11. Claims 1-5 and 7-10 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to better point out the invention and obviate the Examiner's objection.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 4-6 and 11-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to substantially include all of the limitations of dependent claims 4 and 11 (including any intervening claim limitations). Accordingly, applicants believe amended independent claims 1 and 8 are allowable.

Further, In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested adding headings to the specification. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's suggestion, however respectfully declines to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 15 is patentable for at least the following reasons.

The present invention, as recited in independent claim 15, teaches a speech recognition device comprising: a processor configurable to (1) receive voice information uttered by a speaker, (2) store a first speech coefficient indicator, (3) determine text information that corresponds to the received voice information by evaluating the voice information and the speech coefficient indicator; (4) importing a second speech coefficient indicator and (5) determining which of the two speech coefficient indicators is further trained.

Mitchell et al. fails to teach show or imply at least the limitation of determining which of the two speech coefficient indicators is further trained, as recited in independent claim 15.

For at least the above cited reasons, Applicant submits that Claim 15 is clearly patentable over Mitchell et al.

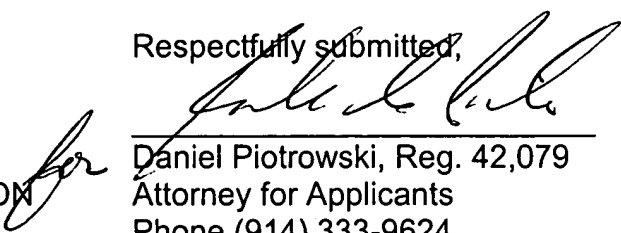
The other claims in this application are dependent upon independent claim 1 or 8 discussed above and are therefore believed patentable once the independent claims are allowed.

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The applicants have made a sincere attempt to advance the prosecution of this application by reducing the issues for consideration and specifically delineating the zone of patentability. The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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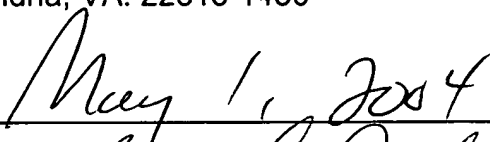
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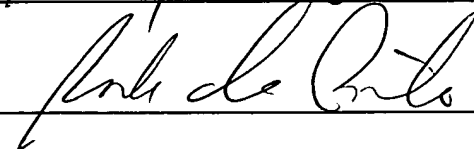
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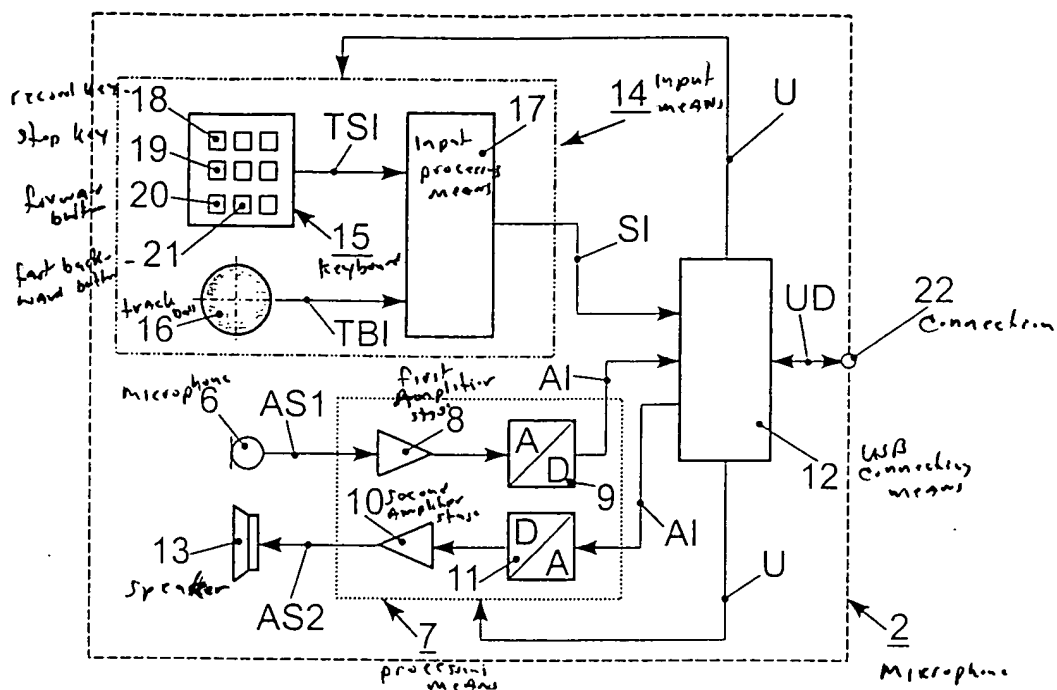


FIG. 2

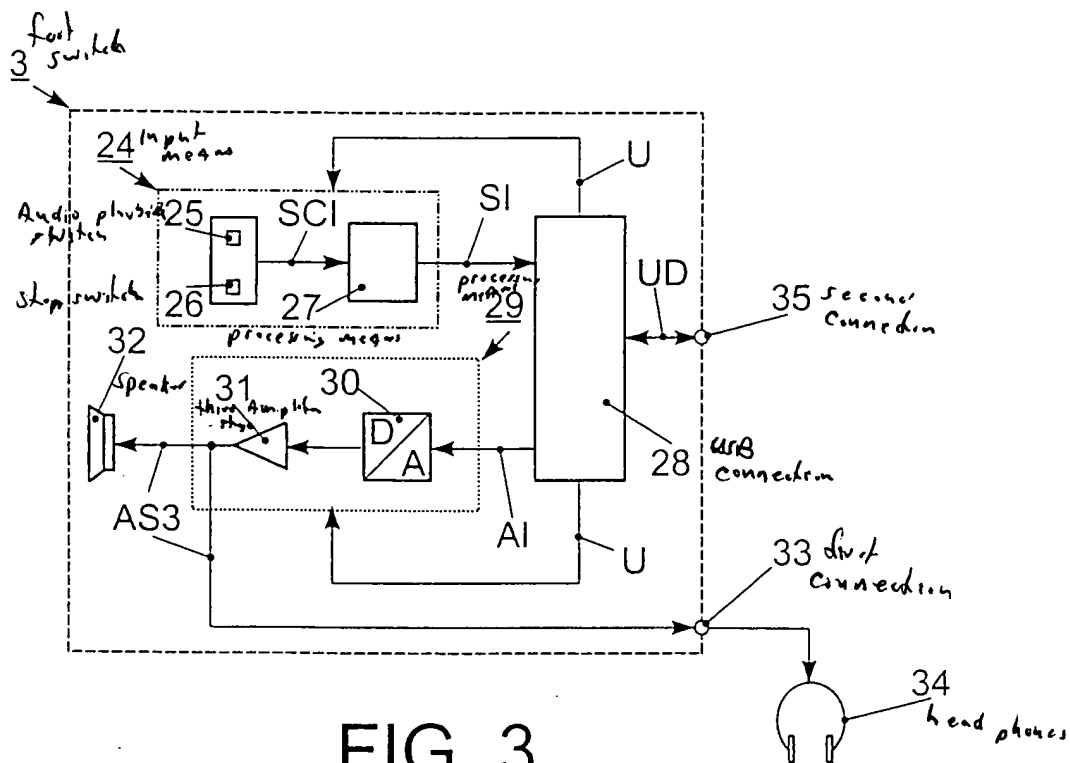


FIG. 3

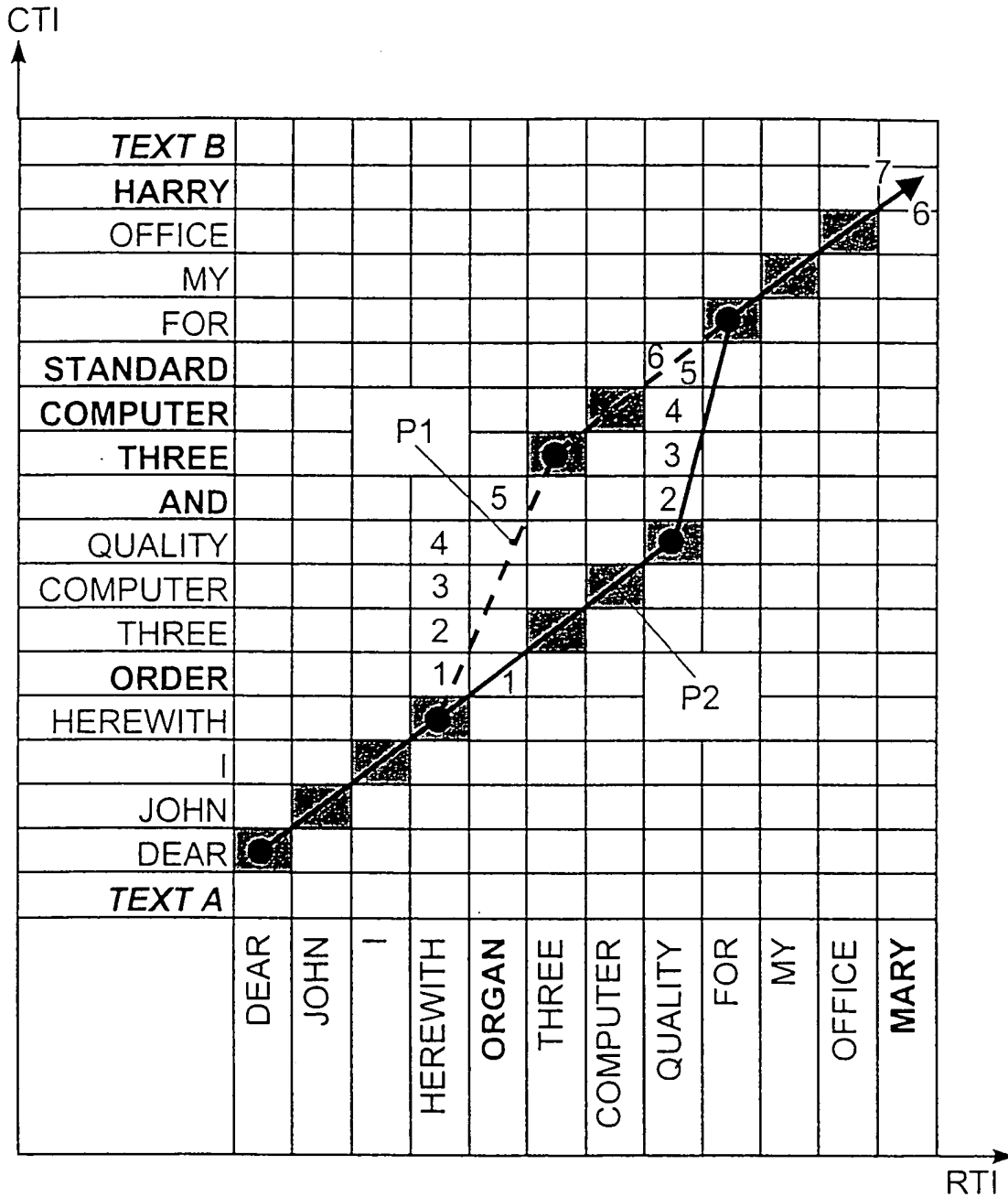


FIG. 4

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